

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, beginning at line 20 with the following amended paragraph.

Conveyor pan 10 shown in perspective in Figure 1 is used, for example, on center-chain or double center-chain scraper conveyors, on which the single or double scraper chain is guided approximately in the middle of the conveying trough and on which the ends of the scrapers are guided in guide channels, formed in upper outward race 1 and in return race or lower race 2 and, for example, limited by means of T-shaped side sections 3, 4, 5, 6. A face conveyor is then formed in the normal manner from individual conveyor pans 10. The longitudinal or goaf side 7 of the face conveyor, shown in the rear of Figure 1, is disposed on the goaf side of a mine in which the conveyor pan 10 is employed, while the longitudinal side 8, shown in the front of Figure 1, is aligned parallel to the wall in the underground face, not shown. Between outward race 1 and lower race 2 is a conveyor bottom 9, to which are welded -in the exemplary embodiment shown - all side sections 3, 4, 5, 6 with their supports 13, 14, 15, 16 facing conveyor bottom 9 and matched to the shape of the scrapers, not shown. In the exemplary embodiment shown, all side sections 3 to 6 are identical and consist of rolled steel sections of an essentially T-shaped cross-section, with the supports 13, 14, 15, 16, matched in shape to the scraper ends, forming the "stalk" of the T and transitioning into a horizontal web 17, 18, 23, 24. Both on the goaf side and on the wall side, toggle sockets 21 or 22 are welded in the vicinity, respectively, of the conveyor pan ends 19 or 20 formed by the transverse sides, into which the toggle heads of toggle bolts engage in the normal manner, in order to join together adjacent conveyor pans 10 such that they are resistant to traction but have a slight permissible horizontal and vertical angular movement. The toggle sockets on the goaf side and the toggle bolts are not shown. A bottom plate 25 is welded in place below horizontal webs 23, 24 of the side sections 5, 6 of lower race 2. Figure 1 also shows that, as is already known, conveyor bottom 9 is fitted at both conveyor pan ends 19, 20 with overlapping sections shaped to match each other.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, beginning at line 10 with the following amended paragraph.

Between guide plate 50 and the outer faces of side sections 3, 6 support plates 30, 32 are disposed, with the wall-side edges (e.g., wall-side edge 31 of plate 30) 31 being matched to the contour of the bend of guide plate 50. Support plates 30, 32 are welded to side sections 3, 6 and if appropriate also to conveyor bottom 9, and guide plate 50 features, as shown in Figure 1, two vertical slots 58, 59, which run level with and parallel to support plates 30, 32, in order that weld seams in vertical slots 58, 59 may give additional reinforcement between guide plate 50 and support plates 30, 32. Between vertical slots 58, 59 a hook hole 61 is formed, being located in the center of guide plate 50 and being vertically disposed.